

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants note that the allowed claims have a scope defined by their specific recitations rather than by the statement of reasons for allowance. Applicants do not admit that any element or feature, which is listed in the statement of reasons for allowance, limits any allowed claim unless that element or feature is specifically recited in that allowed claim.

Applicants believe that the record of the prosecution as a whole, including Applicants' specification and claims, provides additional reasons for allowance. The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance do not necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why the claims are allowed and, therefore, should not be used to interpret the scope of the claims in place of the record of the prosecution as a whole.